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## engage

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Main Entry: **en·gage**

Pronunciation: in-'gAǝ, en-

Function: *verb*

Inflected Form(s): **en·gaged**; **en·gag·ing**

Etymology: Middle English, from Middle French *engagier*,  
from Old French, from *en-* + *gage* token, *gage*  
*transitive senses*

**1** : to offer (as one's word) as security for a debt or cause  
**2 a** *obsolete* : to entangle or entrap in or as if in a snare or  
bog **b** : to attract and hold by influence or power **c** : to  
interlock with : **MESH**; *also* : to cause (mechanical parts) to  
mesh  
**3** : to bind (as oneself) to do something; *especially* : to bind  
by a pledge to marry  
**4 a** : to provide occupation for : **INVOLVE** <engage him in  
a new project> **b** : to arrange to obtain the use or services  
of : **HIRE**

**5 a** : to hold the attention of : **ENGROSS** <her work  
*engages* her completely> **b** : to induce to participate  
<*engaged* the shy boy in conversation>

**6 a** : to enter into contest with **b** : to bring together or  
interlock (weapons)

**7** : to deal with especially at length  
*intransitive senses*

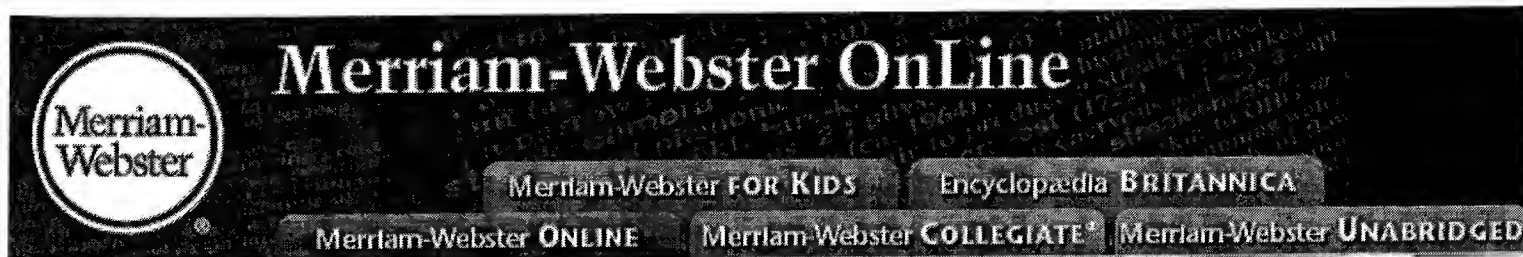
**1 a** : to pledge oneself : **PROMISE** **b** : **GUARANTEE** <he  
*engages* for the honesty of his brother>

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Main Entry: **1 mesh**

Pronunciation: 'mesh

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle English, probably from Middle Dutch *maesche*; akin to Old High German *masca* mesh, Lithuanian *mazgos* knot

**1** : one of the openings between the threads or cords of a net; *also* : one of the similar spaces in a network -- often used to designate screen size as the number of openings per linear inch

**2 a** : the fabric of a net **b** : a woven, knit, or knotted material of open texture with evenly spaced holes **c** : an arrangement of interlocking metal links used especially for jewelry

**3 a** : a weblike pattern or construction **b** : **WEB, SNARE** -- usually used in plural

**4** : working contact (as of the teeth of gears) <in *mesh*>  
- **meshed** /'mesht/ *adjective*

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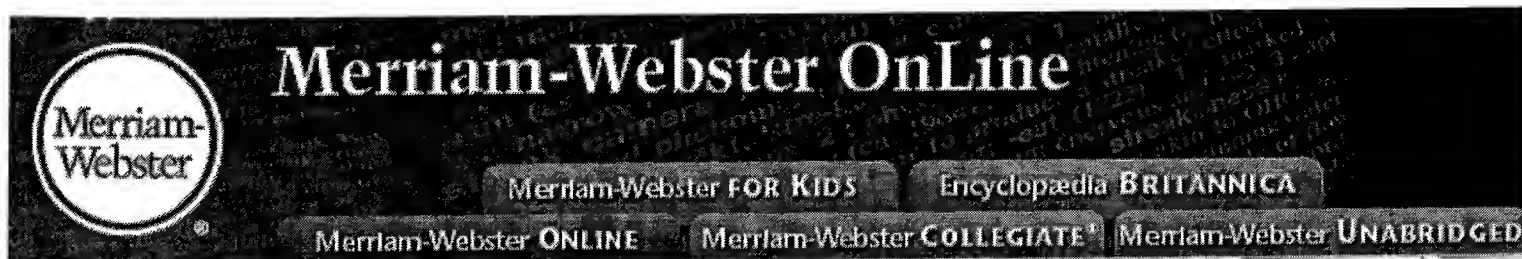


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Main Entry: **in·ter·fere**

Pronunciation: "in-t&(r)-'fir

Function: *intransitive verb*

Inflected Form(s): **-fered; -fer·ing**

Etymology: Middle English *enterferen*, from Middle French (s')*entreferir* to strike one another, from Old French, from *entre-* *inter-* + *ferir* to strike, from Latin *ferire* -- more at **BORE**

**1** : to interpose in a way that hinders or impedes : come into collision or be in opposition

**2** : to strike one foot against the opposite foot or ankle in walking or running -- used especially of horses

**3** : to enter into or take a part in the concerns of others

**4** : to act reciprocally so as to augment, diminish, or otherwise affect one another -- used of waves

**synonym** see INTERPOSE

- **in·ter·fer·er** *noun*

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